

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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CHALLENGES TO BIO DIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to cope up with challenges posed to bio-diversity due to global warming and climate change; and

(b) if so, the initiatives undertaken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) As India is among the countries more vulnerable to climate change, the Government set up the Expert Committee on the impacts of Climate Change on 7th of May 2007, under the Chairmanship of Dr. R. Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Adviser to Government of India, to study the impacts of anthropogenic climate change on India including impacts on Bio diversity and to identify the measures that we may have to take in the future in relation to addressing vulnerability to anthropogenic climate change impacts. A high level coordination Committee chaired by Prime Minister called Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change to coordinate national action for assessment, adaptation and mitigation of climate change was constituted on 6th of June 2007 to evolve a coordinated response to issues relating to climate change at the national level and to provide oversight for formulation of action plans in the area of assessment, adaptation and mitigation of climate change.